


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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**1. Cuba-Soviet Forces**

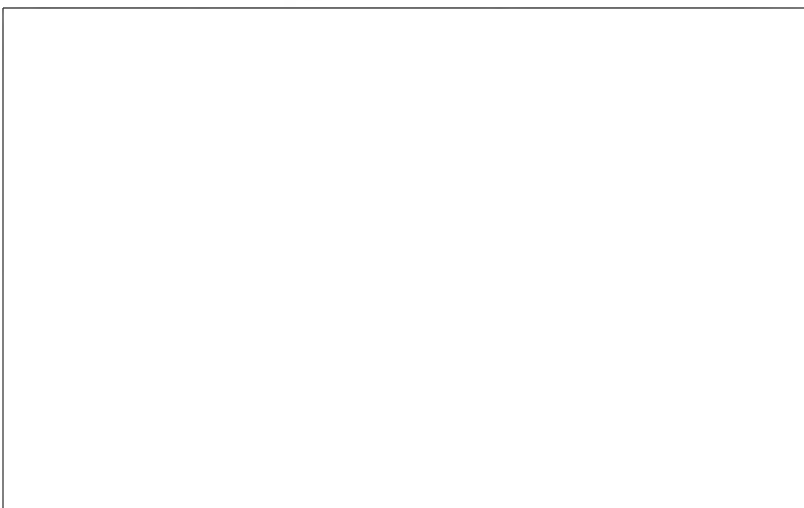
a. The passenger ship Gruzia (normal capacity: 770; troop-fitted: 1,500) arrived in Havana Friday, and may have begun embarking passengers



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b. The Admiral Nakhimov (normal capacity: 1,200; troop-fitted: 4,500) and the Maria Ulyanova (340; and 1,400) have hit bad weather. They will probably arrive in Havana 7-8 March and 12-13 March respectively.

c.  photography thus far shows no indications of preparations for movement by Soviet forces. Several camps were obscured by clouds on Saturday, however.



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**2. Cuba-  
Insurgency**

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c. A French press item from Havana reports widespread arrests among insurgent elements in southern Matanzas and Las Villas Provinces near the Bay of Pigs.

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### 3. Cuba

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### 4. Yemen

a. Nasir continues to add to his stake as his troops gradually gain ground in the north and the east.

b. Ambassador Badeau in Cairo has heard from a "good source--50% correct in the past"--that the UAR intends some withdrawal in two weeks "if the situation continues to improve."

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e. Ralph Bunche on his arrival Saturday in Yemen was greeted by a hostile demonstration run by junior Yemeni officials. The trip from the airport to Taiz, normally a 15-minute drive, took three hours and was marked by "menacing and disrespectful" gestures and the "standard Communist, anti-American banners." Senior officials, however, received him warmly.

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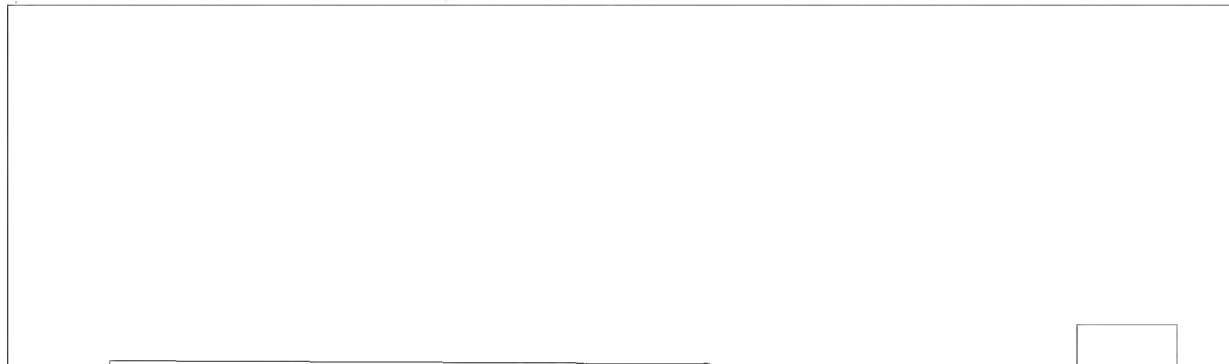
B. Peru Sunday's ouster of General Perez Godoy as head of the military junta was apparently triggered by the validation of APRA candidates for the June election. It may be followed by a decree outlawing APRA. The party's secretary-general said Saturday night such a move would result in "civil strife, especially in the north." All is calm today.

C. Iraq The Kurdish truce is increasingly uneasy. The government in Baghdad, fearful of showing weakness, has yet to come up with a formula meeting Kurdish demands for autonomy and Mulla Mustafa al-Barzani is getting impatient.

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D. USSR There are signs of a SNAFU in the major reorganization launched last November to strengthen party control over industry and agriculture and there may be infighting among the leadership. An edict dated 21 January, but published only 22 February, rescinded some provisions of the reorganization and important new administrative positions have yet to be filled.

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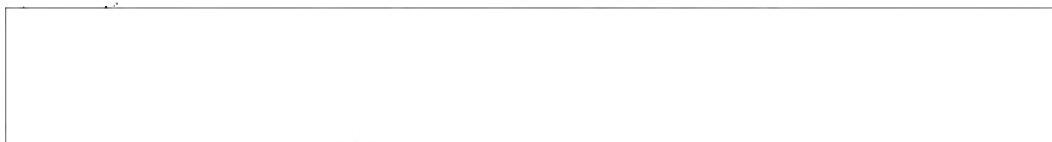
G. Syria Cairo Radio last night broadcast reports of a Syrian army mutiny. We have no other word and Radio Damascus has not mentioned it and is broadcasting normally. Cairo may have been alluding to an episode which occurred several days ago and was fended off:

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